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INTEREST IN LOYOLA BIO-PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROMOTED BY CANADA/RUSSIA HOCKEY SERIES

Loyola's scientific approach to teaching sports skills, coaching, and physcial education, long overdue in North America, has gained great momentum in recent weeks.

Last April when Loyola announced a new Bachelor of Science program in Bio-Physical Education, it was greeted with a polite but hardly overwhelming response by all except a few knowledgeable academicians.

Since the Russia-Canada series, interest has soared. Coaches and teachers in the Bio-Physical Education Department at the West End school are being sought after for advice.

Objective of the course, headed by Ed Enos, Loyola's director of physical education, is to provide students with a comprehensive study of the body's functions. Introduced to meet a growing demand for combined physical education, health and para-medical studies, the course offers students a close understanding of the biological actions and reactions of the human body during participation in sports.

The quality of the course and caliber of the participating students is being recognized as well by a number of leading professional organizations. Twelve Bio-Physical Education majors have already been given the opportunity of joining prominent physicians, para-medical specialists and physical educators at the International Congress on Mental Retardation held in Montreal to study problems of working with atypical and mentally retarded children. Several are now working as part-time assistants in hospitals, schools, fitness centres, and municipal recreations department settings.

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Dr. Carroll Laurin, Director of the "National Sports Medicine Postgraduate Symposium", will be including Loyola's Bio-Physical Education majors as participants in the Montreal conference scheduled for October 16, 17 and 18.

Universities are also showing interest in the course. Monmouth College in New Jersey is planning a similar course of study commencing in 1973-74. Professor G. Buzzelli, Chairman of Monmouth's Department of Physical Education, has requested assistance from the Loyola staff states, "That the thrust of bio-physical education is vitally important to society and long overdue."

Universities with graduate school programs in health, physical and/or recreations are also encouraging Loyola's Bio-Physical Education majors to make application.

Dean M.L. Van Vliet, of the University of Alberta states, "Loyola Bio-Physical Education majors on graduation will have a science background superior to any other undergraduate physical education students in Canada. We would look favourably upon the applications of your graduates to our master and doctoral programs in physical education, exercise physiology, motor learning, and sports administration."

For further information about Loyola'- Bio-Physical Education course contact Ed Enos, 489-7284.

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